cases may be brought to the notice of the settlement authorities.

12. Prayer for the concession of Nadavukur and Vachupathi in the present settlement as in the past.

Mr. K. Aiyappan Pillai (Minachil) said that the ryots would be benefited by these concessions being granted to them in the present settlement also.

Reply.—The question of Nadavukur has been set at rest by section 9 of the Settlement Proclamation of 1886. No concession on this account can be granted. As regards Vachupathi, if it relates to assessment, the matter will be considered at the time when rates are fixed.

13 Reduction of tax on punja cultivation in Nanjanad.

Mr. K. S. Shanmukham Pillai (Agricultural Improvement Association, South Travancore) said that at the recent Nanjanad settlement it was decided by Government that when punja crops were raised on paddy lands, half the tax levied on them as per settlement should alone be realized and a uniform rate of Rs. 4 per kotah or 12 chs. per parah was fixed as tax under that decision. Though all tax hitherto payable in kind had been converted into money at 11 chs. per parah, the member represented that the benefit of this scheme was denied to them. He therefore prayed that in cases of punja cultivation on wet lands, half the tax leviable under the rule might be realized at 6 chs. per parah and the other half at 11 chs. per parah.

Mr. M. Sivathanu Pillai (Tovala) also spoke on the necessity for this concession being granted to the ryots.

Reply.—The tax under this head has been long ago commuted into money at the fixed and uniform rate of Rs. 4 per kotah and as such the question cannot be now reopened. The new scheme relates only to the tax hitherto paid in paddy.

14. Assessment of lands irrigated by well-water at specially favourable rates.

Mr. K. S. Shanmukham Pillai (Agricultural Improvement Association, South Travancore) said that lands depending solely on well-water for irrigation in Nanjanad were assessed in the settlement just as nanja lands irrigable by tank or river water. This subject was brought forward at the last session of the Assembly

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